



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICE OF COUNSEL

May 31, 2019

Ms. Emma Best
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RE: FOIA No. 2019-FPIS-00288

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in reference to your email dated May 30, 2019, requesting, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, access to certain records in the custody of the United States Postal Inspection Service, regarding documents mentioning or relating to anonymous hacktivism, generated from January 1, 2009 to January 1, 2019.

Please be advised that the records you requested do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Postal Inspection Service. The mission of the Postal Inspection Service is to protect the Postal Service, secure the nation's mail system and ensure public trust in the mail.

Therefore, I have referred your request to the U.S. Postal Service, Records Office, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Room 1P830, Washington, D.C. 20260-2201, (202) 268-2608, for appropriate attention and direct response to you.

If you have any questions regarding the handling of your request, please contact the Inspection Service FOIA Requester Service Center at (202) 268-7004 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) or by email at FOIA@uspis.gov.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request for records, you have the right to appeal this response by writing to the General Counsel, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20260-1135, within 90 days of the date of this response letter or via email at FOIAAppeal@usps.gov. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. The letter of appeal should include: (1) A copy of the request, any notification of denial or other action, and any other related correspondence; (2) The FOIA tracking number assigned to the request; (3) A statement of the action, or failure to act, from which the appeal is taken; (4) A statement identifying the specific redactions to responsive records that you are challenging; (5) A statement of the relief sought; and (6) A statement of the reasons why you believe the action or failure to act is erroneous.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: write to the Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email to ogis@nara.gov; call (202) 741-5770 (toll-free (877) 684-6448); fax to 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kietta T. Lockerman
FOIA Analyst

cc: USPS Records Office